

What is claimed is:

1. A low-output microwave lighting system comprising:
 - a rectifier for rectifying general AC power inputted through a power source unit and outputting a DC voltage;
 - a power factor compensator for compensating a power factor of the DC voltage inputted through the rectifier; and
 - an inverter circuit unit for receiving the power factor-compensated DC voltage and outputting an AC voltage through frequency varying.

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2. The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a magnetron driving unit for transforming the AC voltage inputted from the inverter circuit unit and generating a magnetron filament current and a high level voltage; and

15 a magnetron lighted by the high level voltage and current outputted from the magnetron driving unit.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the power factor compensator comprises:

20 a PFC controller for outputting a controlling a power factor compensation by a rectified signal inputted through the rectifier; and

a PFC circuit unit for receiving the control signal and compensating a power factor of the DC voltage inputted through the rectifier.

25 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the inverter circuit unit comprises:

a half-bridge type inverter unit for receiving the DC voltage outputted from the power factor compensator, varying a frequency of the DC voltage, and outputting a corresponding AC voltage; and

5 an inverter driving unit for outputting a switching control signal for controlling switching of the half-bridge type inverter unit.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the power factor compensator comprises:

10 a coil, rectifying diode and smoothing condenser for converting the rectified DC voltage into a PFC output voltage;

a feedback detector for distributing the PFC output voltage to two resistances and outputting a feedback voltage;

15 a PFC controller for receiving the feedback voltage from a connection point of the two resistances, and outputting a control signal for adjusting a power factor of the PFC output voltage; and

a MOSFET unit for receiving the control signal outputted from the PFC controller by a gate and performing ON/OFF.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein the inverter circuit unit includes a 20 half-bridge type inverter which has two MOSFETs and a diode is inserted between a drain and a source of the MOSFET.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the inverter circuit unit is driven at a predetermined frequency, preferably, at a frequency of 20 KHz or higher.

8. A flicker removing method using a low-noise microwave lighting system, comprising:

rectifying general AC power and outputting a DC voltage;

increasing the DC voltage through a PFC circuit for improvement of a power factor to reduce a ripple;

receiving the DC voltage, varying a frequency of the DC voltage through a half-bridge, and outputting an AC voltage; and

receiving the AC voltage and driving a magnetron.

10 9. The method of claim 8, wherein 120 Hz of ripple is reduced by using the PFC circuit, and the microwave light system is driven at a frequency of 20 KHz or higher by using the half-bridge inverter.

15 10. The method of claim 8, wherein the waveform inputted to the magnetron is a waveform in which a sinusoidal high frequency component of a high frequency band has been added to a square wave low frequency.